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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

E. B. KNOBEL, Esq., VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Report of the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1902 was read, and is given on p. 182.

The Annual Report of the Council was read ; see pp. 179 to 280.

The Address was delivered by Professor H. H. Turner, D.Sc., F.R.S., after which the Gold Medal was handed to Count von Bernstorff, the Councillor of the German Legation, for transmission to Professor Hermann Struve, to whom the Medal had been awarded for his work on the Satellites of *Saturn*.

The following alteration of Bye-Law 23, which had been proposed by the Council, was brought forward by the Treasurer :

That the Composition fee be raised to thirty guineas, and be reduced by one guinea each year after five years to a minimum of five guineas, and that Bye-Law 23 be altered accordingly. After a discussion the motion was put to the meeting and carried, the Bye-Law as altered reading as follows :

23. Any Fellow may, at his entrance, compound for his contributions by the payment of thirty guineas, exclusive of his Admission fee ; or he may at any time afterwards in the ensuing five years (all sums then due being first paid) compound for his subsequent annual contributions by a like payment of thirty guineas. After the first five years the Composition fee will be reduced by one guinea for each year of Fellowship in excess of five years, to a minimum fee of five guineas, under the same conditions.

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The Society then proceeded to the ballot for Officers and Council for the ensuing year, the names of those elected being given on p. 291.

The thanks of the Meeting were given to the retiring Members of Council and also to the Auditors of the Treasurer's Accounts and the Scrutineers of the Ballot.

Thomas Ayres, M.Sc. (Vict.), Finkmattstrasse 7, Strassburg, Germany ;
 Charles William Keighley, Cluny Villa, Burlington Lane, Chiswick ; and
 Henry Norris Russell, Oyster Bay, New York, U.S.A., were balloted for and duly elected Fellows of the Society.

The following Candidates were proposed for election as Fellows of the Society, the names of the proposers from personal knowledge being appended :—

Thomas Frederick Bowers, B.A., Head Master, Woolwich Polytechnic School, and "Darenth," Little Heath, Old Charlton, S.E. (proposed by J. E. Evans) ;
 Frederick Hugh Capron, solicitor, "Polaris," 38 Avenue Road, Highgate N. (proposed by the Rev. P. H. Kempthorne) ;
 Kenneth Essex Edgeworth, Lieut. R.E., Stanhope Lines, Aldershot (proposed by W. E. Wilson) ;
 Alphonso King, Elementary Teacher, 93 Victoria Road East, Leicester (proposed by Walter E. Besley) ;
 William Tillar, Board of Trade Surveyor, St. Kilda's, Westbourne Road, West Kirby (proposed by M. J. O'Sullivan) ;
 Gilbert Thomas Walker, Assistant Reporter in Meteorology to the Government of India, Trinity College, Cambridge, (proposed by H. H. Turner) ; and
 Pollard Wilkinson, B.A., B.Sc. (Lond.), Schoolmaster, 21 Ashmere Grove, Ipswich (proposed by Alfred H. Fison).